# FUNNYISMS AND PHILOSOPHY

By M. QUAD.

### Mr. Bowser's Tribulations.

he met that man he didn't know the difference between a tautog and a limit has been reached!" ground hog. Neither had he the "But you went after tor-tor-ta2-" test enthusiasm on the subject of "I went after tortologytogs or some ground hog. Neither had he the schooner, but that was about the extent I'm not. Bailled murderess-ha! ha! The Bow, as were visiting a relative in Boston, and it was the man next door who got hold of Mr. Bowser one day and talkand his ears began to twitch. He was made we like em to begin mit somebody after tautog himself. He had purposely missed a circus, a dog light, a box-ing contest. Fourth of July, and a mur-8100d before Mrs. Bowser and exclaimed:

"I know it; but I'm going to begin now. The Lord must have had a hand 'n our coming to Boston just at this time. I'm going to pack a few traps into a satchel

'Are you going after whales or sharks?' fish called the tortatog, or torturetog, or stand on the shore and built in an old weighing thirty pounds, and you keep right at it till vou've got a carload Mrs. Bowser hadn't seen Mr Rowser

ed a stranger \$150 on a gold brick which she knew that something untoward would give up the trip. He got away for Fall River on time, and there two other men joined the party, and they took rail to Tiverton and from thence drove to Little Compton by wagon. That night Mr. Bowser didn't sleep two hours. He had night-mares, in which whales, sharks, Jolphins, and left tracks. An hour after breakfast too far away. when the fishing crowd had assembled on

and the other with a piece of lobster meat. You notice the heavy sinker on the line. You lift that with the hooks, give 'em a few whirls around your head the nobody whill be disappointed. It whas then you leave your fellow-men out of it when you leave your fellow-men out of it and beg my pardon fur livin'. comes a tautog, he makes a rush for the

Mr. Bowser followed instructions. That picked up sinker and hooks and ed two or three times and appeared to ling.

Gasp his last. They had sent for the coro
One time my dog dies, und eaferybody im in or out of the ring-up a tree or ture we whas better off. down a cellar; the third to demand \$50 Washington. Mr. Bowser finally settled with him for an ample apology and \$15 in with him fer an ample apology and side in mit a good indorser makes you sure.

Sometimes vhen I vhas soundly sleeping structions as to easting the line were apology and he didn't do quite as ed his nose by a hair's breadth and struck one of his party in the back. It was one of the Fall River men-a man who never let any one tread on his coat tails-and the row lasted 15 minutes. When the chasm had been bridged Mr. Bowser tried it again Everybody moved out of his and at length his eyes beheld the baited thought they did, but it was an optical where the hooks fell that sinker sneaked in on him and chugged him under the chin and tried to knock his head off all The crowd had sized Mr. Bow-an evangelist, temporarily rest-his struggles with Satan, but State prison for three years. I goes home ser up as an evangelist, temporarily rested up and down and uttered 20 cuss words before they knew that he was a personal and hear the old fellow abused. It was wise man locked oop in a cell, him, and it was also well for the man his pocket that he was a mile away. Mr. head for home and make Mrs. Bowser When three or four of them had und says something like enthusiasm returned to his soul, and he made ready to try is again. At Mr. Bowser's third attempt word was quickly passed all over Rhode Island to look out for that big chunk of had passed. The line was landed in th sea, and after a whoop of exultation Mr. Rowser tied the free end under his arms and stood on tip-toes with his eyes hang-

which suddenly seized one of the hooks and started out to sea or it might have been a whale whose flukes had got tan-Whatever it was, it turned out hadly for Und sl Mr. Bowser. He was off his balance and nothing. terror and a great splash in the water called the attention to the fact that he was overboard. By good fortune two fishermen happened to be near by with a boat.

One night Mrs. Dunder und says:
"For der Lord's sake, burgiar vhas in der house! tossed and tumbled about, as soon as they could locate enough hair on his head to grab at, and they didn't get him out a minute too soon. The line around his waist had parted, and thus nothing but his heels followed him as he was dumped. "We vhas ruined?" says Mrs. Dunder waist had parted, and thus hottans to his heels followed him as he was dumped down on dry land and brutally advised to ash she begins to weep.

"Let us see about dot. Dot vhas a peor "Let us see about dot." go home and fish in a teacup with a pin hook. He didn't go right away. He had to get the seaweed and sand out of what hair he had left and to explain to about \$15, but dot vhas all right. If he don't neither had he an accusing conscience to wet bed quilt, and a doctor advised him to go to bed and keep quiet for a day or two.

He did nothing of the sort, however. His "But held on some more. Dot burglar "But held on some more. Dot burglar "But held on some more." did nothing of the sort, however. His is idea was to stand face with Mrs were again, and he left the rocks for verton and Tiverton for Roston. It was at day before he walked in on her, but the spirit for forgiveness had not come to a heart.

"But held on some more. Dot burglar gets in easy und don't break nothing. He could haf killed us, but he didn't. If he eets der house on fire we haf no insurance. Having got my tis he vhill go to a hotel. Having got my suit of clothes he will put 'em on. In der morning I shall find him in two minutes."

Ind it whas so, un he goes to prison for Bowser again, and he left the rocks for Tiverion and Tiverion for Boston. It was the spirit for forgiveness had not come to

reply. "How is it?" he thundered. "Let your

WAS a Boston man who sent Mr. to things and the end will come. Would-be husband-killer, pack your trunk! This fishing for tautog Until is the fiftieth cold-blooded attempt on my

fishing. In a half-hearted, uncer aln way other blamed old thing with fins and a tall, and you bribed the crowd to throw caught an excelsior mattress which had me off the rocks. I ought to be coating been thrown overboard from some coal around a thousand miles from shore, but

### Carl Dunder.

We all know und agree dot der world vhas all wrong, but if any changes vhas

It whas easy to tell a man mit a wooden leg dot he vhas safe on dot side from a mad dog, but you forget how she vhas it chement for a fishing trip. He said he had been married three times, jailed twice, attended fifteen funerals, six weddings, and a lynching, but had found no comparison to had been had found no comparison to had been had found no comparison to had been funerals.

eight children you haf got to keep hust-ling to bring in der bread und butter.

man who whas climbing in by der window, but I stop und call out to him first. Dot safes his life und keeps me out of trouble. It turned out dot he whas only a burglar instead of der was red a burglar me all up to hear that bluffer go on that

for an honest man, und behold! he vhas was so mad that she was a mind to go out mares, in which whales, sharks, Jolphins, porpoises, and tautogs were all mixed up, and he was abroad at daylight to see if any skates or founders had come ashore above twenty. We vhas always looking hold with one hand, but it wouldn't com

find out vether it really rained for forty "'Zeb White, ar' yo' a man or an old

comes a tautog, he makes a rush for the bait, and all you've got to do is to pull him in. Go ahead now and beat the crowd."

I don't fike a man to be too thankful in bait, and all you've got to do is to pull I lend him a dollar und he pays it back. If he talks too much he borrows \$5 next time und don't pay it back at all. I don't like a man to be too thankful if

It vhas poor policy to wary. For fif-teen years I vhas afraid somerody would whirled 'em' 'round and 'round and finally made his cast. The heavy sinker struck the jaw of an old man who was sitting 30 the jaw of an old man who was sitting morning breeze, and he fell over and kick- got in, und all my worry went for noth-

I vhas puffed up mit pride vhen a newsdamages and threaten to carry the lump on his jaw clear to the Supreme Court at my bond, but dot pride all went avhay my bond, but dot pride all went avhay vhen I like to borrow \$50 at der bank Eaferybody may be all right, but a note

my wife wakes me oop to whisper: "Carl Dunder, vhas you sure you locked dot kitchen door?

"I belief I did-but why?" "Because some burglar vhas in der

"Vhell, if he vhas in, why should we trouble whether he got in by der door or der cellar window?" One time my fellow-citizens like to run me for office, but I think it all oafer for a week und don't take him. Dot makes

my wife awful mad und she says:
"You vhas such fools ash neffer vhas!
You vhas elected for sure, und dot salary was \$3,000 a year."

"Maybe I vhas fools," says I, "but we

they had been deceived. He hadn't jumped up and down and uttered 20 cuss words "Vhell, how about some office? Vhas i better dot I vhas home or in prison? It

vhas better to be a fool at liberty dan One time vhen I smoke my pipe on der veranda a man comes along und says: "Mr. Koopmans, you owe me feefty cent, und if you don't pay you vhas a

licked man.' "I vhill pay," says I, und I gifs him dot money, but Mrs. Dunder comes out

"In all my life I neffer saw such a dunker head! Your name vhas not Koopmans, und vhy you gif dot feller feefty cents?

"Vhell, I shall oxplain," I says. "In dot first place I must look like Mr. Koopman or dot man would not speak to me. In er second place, I haf to talk und even if I can make him see his mistake. In der third place, if he blacks my eye or breaks my nose it whas \$20 out of pocket to safe feefty cent. In der fourth

It might have been a ten-pound tautog after my money und says:

"Oxcuse me, if you please, but I haf made a mistake. Dot Mr. Koopmans lifs on der next block, und you vhas somend I look at Mrs. Dunder und smile.

Und she looks at me und don't say One night Mrs. Dunder wakes me oop

"For der Lord's sake, get cop! Some

"Den I shall wait till he goes out," "Burglars object to being disturbed

come to-night dot tax man vhill be here to-morrow, und we lose her anyway. He takes avhay my suit of clot vhas \$2.56 to haf 'em pressed und cleaned

"Woman, I am here!" he exclaimed, as he shook his foreinger under her nose.
"Why, how—how is it?" she gasped in der time.

# The Lean Weman Won.

felt put out about it, but could have overooked the matter if the fat woman "Why you were around the ladn't plumped down on the seat she tel a good deal during my stay." eant to take and stuck up her nose at e lean woman got red in the on a sneer at the fat woner hat. ... Jacket Then the fat woman and I came down to ask you a favor.'
"'A favor? What is it?"
"'I'd like to borrow \$9 of you to pay man's :: looked

worn shows and uttered a snort. It was the lean we man's turn now, gazed at the fat woman's pudgy we's and elevated her eyebrows. It was a unel the abs to the death, and the fat woman mut- leg.

red to herself:
"Oh! I forgot! This is Thursday after- for necessary tered to herself:

That evened things up, and the fat wo man was racking her brains to find some-thing meaner yet, when an old man sit-ting beside the lean woman felt it his to champion her cause and turned and said:

That settled it. The lean woman cuddled | couldn't do it." up and purred and smiled like a cat in the sun, and the fat woman gave the old man one awful look and then turned away to chew the cud of refeat.

### 'Possum Talks.

"I'd bin mighty pore with chills and fever," said the old man, as we sat smok-ing on the cabin door steps, "and I was dings, and a lynching, but had found no comparison to hauling in a twelve-pound tautog. He was a good talker and a slick liar, and Mr. Bowser was puffing for failure, but it vhas a dead sure thing dot failure, but it vhas a dead sure thing dot make me feel bad. He was all gab and after you vhas der fadder of seven or bluff, and he wouldn't hev dared say a eight children you haf got to keep hust"It'll be the event of my life! It'll beat
eventeen Chris A ses rolled into one!
"I going a-hishing?"
"But you never fish," she answered.
"I know it; but I'm going to begin now."
"Entry of never fish," she answered.
"I know it; but I'm going to begin now."

" Do a critter named Zeb White live in vhas time for der peoples to see smart-ness in him.

It vhas a world in which things come me when I say that I've walked five miles out even. Der grocer may give you fif-teen ounces for a pound of sugar, but when you whas hit by a policeman it whas seventeen ounces or more if you want it. Nobody should be too quickly. One right yere who kin make him yell like a night I haf my pistol all ready to shoot a coon in a trap. Zeb White, come fo'th and

It turned out dot he whas only a burglar instead of der man who reads der gas meter.

It whas curious how many peoples belief dot thirteen whas an unlucky number, und yet I neffer found who'd knock a dollar off der bill und call it twelve.

Natural philosophy whas as easy as grease. All you've got to do is to buy a bottle of collc cure and turn der boy loose among der green apples. It whill all come about by bedtime.

me all up to hear that bluffer go on that way. I got so mad about it that I shed to an nuthin' the old woman could say would console me. That Carter, he tiden't say would console me. That Carter, he toll would say would console me. That Carter, he toll way a didn't fall into my arm iden't take that I was a coward and dasn't come out that I was a coward and dasn't come out to him. He went away sayin' he'd be back the next night, and that if I didn't come out and gin him a tussle he'd spread the news all over the county. He wed. It was all very in me all up to hear that bluffer go on that way. I got so mad about it that I shed to any way. I got so mad about it that I shed to any way. I got so mad about it that I shed to any way. I got so mad about it that I shed to any way. I got so mad about it that I shed to any way. I got so mad about it that I shed to any way. I got so mad about it that I shed to any way. I got so mad about it that I shed to any way. I got so mad about it that I shed to any way. I got so mad about it that I shed to any way. I got so mad blowin' fur half an hour. That Carter, he didn't tall into my arm iddn't tall about by bedtime.

For feefteen years I went about looking die of a broken heart, and my old woman to far away.

Sometimes a man vhas mad at me bebut it was no use. When night cum that the rocks, it was explained to him by fluxuration how the tautog was to be

days und nights or vhas twenty-four woman? If yo' ar' a man and hev got said his instructor. "It has two hours short I vhas in der poorhouse in whiskers on yo'r chin and teeth to chaw with, come out yere and face a person

"If I'd owned all Tennessee," said Zeb "I'd hev given every acre of it to bewell, but it was no use. I had to sot then in the house and take it all, and if it hadn't bin fur the camphor bottle at my nose I should hev fainted away in my good hour, and he did rub it in on me for all he was wuth. I was beggin the old woman to hev a shet at him from the winder, when he concluded to go away, but he said he was coming back the next night. He had set out to whop me, and he lorder's he may be set down as a fool or felt that he couldn't die in peace till he a lunatic." mer, when the dead man returned to life. says he shall enarge \$2 to take dot out.

The first thing he did was to call Mr. avhay und bury it. I don't pay it. I put back in bed, and I reckon the old woman it in a 10-cent barrel, und in one hour he had it planned to dress up in my clothes and go out and make as good a fout as she could. She didn't hev to, however. Bout half an hour befo' Carter was to mounting to inspect my hawg-pen In mousin' around he got tangled up in a irbed-wire fence, and the way he smashed the empty hencoop an' growled around showed that he was fightin' mad. He was trying to pull that hawg-pen down when Carter appeared and begun his usial crow. Arter he got tired of flapping and crowin' we heard him sayin':

"'Zeb White, I axes yo to have pity on a sufferin' fellow-critter, and cum out and face me. I've got to hev a fout or I shan't live a week. It runs in the fam'l nd I can't help it. My grandfather never hawed up less'n seven men a week, and my father licked every man in Davis ounty twice over, and then grieved his elf to death bekase nobody was left to

"He was still blowin' away when we heard that b'ar pass the doah with a growl in his throat an' his claws diggin ep into the airth. The old woman grined and picked me right up in her arms and carried me to ther winder. It wasn't onlight, but it wasn't very dark. I could see Si Carter very plain, and he was jest makin' ready fur mo' bluff. when that b'ar sailed in on him. If Car. ter thought it was me, he wasn't long in findin' the difference. The fust cuff the b'ar made rolled the bluffer over and over on the ground, and when he got up he wanted to go home right off. That barbed wire had got that b'ar's dander up, however, and he was bound to hev a circus some one. He didn't seem to want to kill Carter, but to sorter toy with him. and that toyin' lasted a good ten minutes. When the man finally got away he hadn' nuthin' but his boots on, and he was so scratched and bloody that I felt to pit The b'ar let him go, and then walked off hisself, and as the old woman car ried me back to bed she said:

blowin' and bluffin' roun' these parts till you've had time to git on yo'r feet. It's the doin's of the Lawd, and we can't be too thankful'

"But what story did Si Carter tell about it?" I asked.
"Yo' might reckon 'bout how he piled it on," answered Zeb. "He dun declared that me an' the ole 'eman, an' the dawg, an' a b'ar and two wildcats pitched in

him to onct, and that he had us on the run when his strength gin out." "And didn't you ever meet him and ave it out with him when you got well?" "Yes, I met him, but there wasn't no Might hev been a fuss, fur I was

mad yit, but that critter cums right up o me with his hand out, and says: agin a coonskin that you kin out-yell out-cuss, out-jump, and out-fight anyand I want to shake hands with ve be 'lowed to walk 'round in yo'r

That's the way he put it, sah, and, of o'se I couldn't git up no fuss arter that of co'se not. He had forty-six clay marks on his body from that b'ar, and l reckon that was good 'nuff pay for his

### The Boston Hotel Way. "My friends call me an absent-minded

man," said the man with the tweed suit, "and I guess they are pretty nearly right. days, and when ready to depart I took my grip and welked out of the hotel without a thought of the bill. Didn't the clerk say anything? Not a word. don't jump on to a man all of a sudden over there. I had half an hour to wait as depot, and I was strolling around as contented as you please when a smilin stranger timidly walked up to me and wanted to know if I had had a good time in Boston, I was rather non-plussed,, but replied that I had. Then he asked if I "How is it?" he thundered. "Let your eyes answer that question. Instead of a corpse beating against the hostile shores of Phode Island you see a man of flesh and blood. It was a well-planned conspiracy, but it has failed. We leave for home

The Lean Weman Won.

It was bang-up. Then he switched off on the weather for a minute, and all of a sudden it struck me that we had mer somewhere before. When I but it to him he said that my face also had a familiar testimonials and book.

### lcok. I placed him after a bit and said: 'Why you were around the Blank Ho-

Yes, I was,' he replied. "'And you are just getting away?"
"'Oh! no. I-I belong there you know

Well if I wasn't knocked out!" laughed minded man with a slap at his

he hoter detective, of course trying to make it dead-easy Just notice how considerate of moon and all the servant girls are out."

That was almost a knockout for the sense and so mean in another that I went lean woman, but she presently ralifed and right back to the hotel. I walked up to the desk with my mouth full of excuses "And perhaps you are looking for a and apologies, but before I could get a word out the clerk smiled at me and said: "'Ah! it is Mr. Johnson! Glad to see you Mr. Johnson. Will you have a room

on the second floor, front? 'I paid my bill and took a fresh start.' said Mr. Johnson, "and I shall never get ov r feeling grateful to those hotel people "Don't say another word, ma'am! She'll It was all so easy and nice and genteel, never wear bloomers nor ride a bike; you know, and though I tried to they're not for such as she!"

| Was all so easy and nice and go when they're not for such as she!" | Was all so easy and nice and go when they're not for such as she!" myself believe that I was a hotel beat 1

### A Warning Against Romance.

"Speaking about romance," said the man who had been counting the telegraph poles from the car window for the last half hour, "I think my case is a pretty fair warning to all who sigh for it. Perhaps some of you remember of reading in the papers five or six years ago about a guest of a Cincinnati hotel finding a dia-mond ring in a curious manner? I was running my hand in between the seat and the back, I pulled out a beautiful ring." "Yes, I remember of reading about it," said the man who was to get off at Binghamton. "You found a name on the ring,

"Just so. Yes, there was the nam Pussie' on it, and after considerable earch I got on the right track. 'Pussie' d stopped there with her father and mother two months before. I traced her to a town in Indiana and handed over her lost treasure."

"Beautiful young lady, of course?" veried the Binghamton man. "Beautiful as a dream, and not yet wenty years old."

"And you fell in love at once?" "I did. Yes, sir, my heart was hers in ess than half an hour. The romance appealed to her as well, but, of course, she idn't fall into my arms like a ripe peach.

"Of course not. She had to be coy and shy and all that. But there finally came a day when she laid her head on your shoulder and you saw her answer in her eyes?" "Exactly. Yes, that occurred in about four weeks, and in four more we were wed. It was all very proper and in good form-romance, love, and matrimony. Need I say that I was the happiest man on earth the day I led her to the altar?" "Of course not-of course not," briskly replied the Binghamton man. "Ah! I can realize just how happy you were. I've been there. It lasted—it lasted—-?"

Two weeks. "I see. And then there was a quarrel, a hair-pulling match and a divorce? I've been there, too,"

"Yes. it was as you say," sighed the victim. "I'm not posing as a martyr, you know, but I think my case ought to be published broadcast and held up to the world as a great moral example."

"Certainly-certainly, and I'll see that it's done right away and in good shape.

You smoke, don't you?"
"No, thanks."

"But you chew gum?"
"Never." "Well, you'll come into the smoking department and help me to eat a pint of peanuts. No romance about peanuts, adness. That critter hung around for a know, and your game is to forget your little affair as soon as possible. Yes, I'll see that it's published in all the leading papers in the country, and if the next man who finds a 'Pussie' ring don't put it

# There Was a Difference.

The Colonel was waiting for the nostoffice in a Southern town to open in the morning, and meantime talking a bit to the colored janitor, who was sweeping and dusting, when a negro boy, about fifteen years old came along and halted and beckoned the janitor to step aside. The old man looked at him sharply, but did

not comply.
"Say, yo'!" called the young man. There was no reply to this, and after a minute he called again. "Boy! What yo' wants wid me?" sternly

demanded the janitor. "I wants to speak wid yo'."

"Who is vo" "Yo' know who I is. Yo' is dun engaged to my sister Evangeline. "Oh! yo' is her brudder Sam. Waal. what yo' want?"

"Kin yo' lend me 10 cents?" "On what grounds, sah?" "On de grounds dat yo' is gwine to be

my brudder-in-law." "Boy, doan' yo' know nuffin' 'tall 'bout philosophy?" shouted the janitor as he raised his broom over his shoulder. "My bein' engaged to yo'r sister Evangeline as a private citizen, an' my standin' heah representin' de United States guv'ment, an' talkin' wid a gem'lam besides, am two entirely different contestashuns. As yo't o', but as a representative of disguv-ent I doan know yo' from Adam, an' if y' doan' move on I'll hev to smash yo' bone dust!"

# He Gave Him a Tip.

From Tit-Bits. A Lancashire tradesman was one day busy at his desk, when a poor, brokendown looking man came and asked for

The tradesman refused him and ordered him out of the place.
The man, however, persisted, saying hat for sixpence he would tell him som

hing which might some day be of great value to him.

Thinking the man might know some The man looked round to see that no ne was within hearing, then whispered in his ear:
"Iv iver tha' i' gaol, an' 'as to tread th mill, tak' th' side nearest to t' wall. I've tried it mesel', an' tha'll find it th'

# SOFES & Ulcers

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# SOME SECRETARIES OF WAR.

France's Army the Only One Without a Commander-in-chief.

that the Marquis de Gallifet, although Minister of War, as well as one of the most celebrated of Brench Generals, should have occupied a seat in the Presidential equipage like a mere civilian instead of being on horseback, and attention was drawn to the fact that whereas Gens. Billot and Mercier, when Ministers of War, invariably headed the parade, surrounded by a brilliant staff, taking up their position opposite the grand stand after saluting the Chief Magstrate, the veteran de Gallifet was almost concealed from public view by M Loubet and the Speakers of the Senate and of the Chamber of Deputies, behind whom he stood on the Presidential stand. His place as ranking officer of the review was taken by Gen. Brugere, the newlyappointed commander of the metropolitan district and Governor of the Capital, an officer who, neither in military prestige nor in point of distinguished service, can for one moment be compared to de Gallimond firg in a curious manner? I was fet. The reason for this is that whereas seated on a sofa in the ladies' parior, and Gens. Billot and Mercier were still on the active list at the time when they held the office of Minister of War, Gen. de Gallifet, on the contrary, has already been retired from the army on account of age, and could not legally resume his place on the active list, save in the event of war. Only in that case could be be assigned to any command, since the outbreak of hostili-ties and the calling out of the reserves are the signal for the acceptance by the government of offers of service, irrespec tive of age. The review at Longchamps on the national festival, therefore, served to demonstrate a fact ignored to a great extent abroad, and of which sight has been to a large extent lost by Frenchmen themselves, namely, that the French Army is alone among the divilized powers of the world without a commander-in-Here in the United States the of fice of generalissimo of the army is vested in the President of the army is vest-ed in the President of the republic. But France's Chief Magistrate has no such prerogatives or powers, and while the administration of the army is directed by the Minister of War for the time being, who is sometimes an officer and often a mere civilian, the troops remain without generalissimo in time of peace.

Cause of Lack of Discipline. This, in the opinion of foreign military experts, is one of the principal sources of weakness of the French army. It is true that the plan of mobilization in the event of war provides for the chief command of the entire French army and for the composition of the headquarters staff. But the members of the latter are at the present moment scattered all over France and Algeria, some of them being even stationed in far distant colonies, and if war should break out considerable time would be required to summon them from every point of the compass in order to join their chief and to assume the posts to which they had been assigned. It must be re-membered that everything in connection with this scheme of mobilization is what may be described as "eventual." It is only "in the event" of certain things coming to pass that it will be brought the commanding Generals have no knowledge of the characteristics of those who not even personally acquainted with one another. As in 1870, all the preparations of this is that at the present moment the abinet crisis, and whose time, as a rule is far too much engrossed with the draw-ing up of the budget, with political quesions, and with what may be described as economic administration of the army, to be able to supervise and control the twenty Generals commanding the various army corps. The consequence is that these Generals have developed into a speies of military satraps, subject to no rule but their own good will and pleasure Moreover, they are almost entirely inde-pendent of any central authority, especially as regards questions of discipline, about which the Minister of War, when he happens to be a civilian, knows little or nothing, and they are naturally without any system of co-operation or cohesien with one another. It is this condi-tion of affairs that is largely accountable for the numerous military scandals which, during the last ten years or so, have brought so much discredit upon the fair name of France's army.

It is only when a strict disciplinarian like Gen. de Gallifet happens to be intrusted with the office of Minister of War that the commanders of army corps are made to feel that there are certain military rules and regulations to be observed and that they have for the time being a

The reason why the French have until

### master over them. Fear a Military Dictatorship

now objected to the nomination of a Genralissimo who would exercise supreme command not only in time of war, but so in time of peace, subject or superior to the Minister of War, is that they dread above everything else the possibility of a General invested with such an office as this assuming the powers of a military dictator. The entire Napoleonic system originated with military dictatorships of this nature, and on three separate occa-sions, namely, in 1873, when Marshal Macnahon was virtually in military control of France; again at the moment of the Boulanger episode, about a decade ago, and yet again last autumn and winter, in connection with the Dreyfus controversy, the republic has been in serious danger of this kind. In one word, the political element of France justly distrusts the nilitary element, and, although Gen. Bilot and other Ministers of War have been anxious to submit to the Legislature providing for the appointment of a Commander-in-chief of the army in time of peace as indispensable to the efficiency of the military defenses of France, they were always discouraged at the last moment from doing so by the certainty of parlia mentary defeat, due to the dread of the Chambers lest the Generalissimo should make use of the power thus conferred to

the plan of mobilization for the post of Commander-in-chief of the Fr Army in the event of war is Gen. de Jamont, member of the Supreme Council of War and one of the few dignitaries of the French Army who has had the good sense to held his tongue about the Dreyfus case. He enjoys the distinction of hav-ing been the only General who has crossed the German frontier at the head of French troops since the war of 1870. It as, of course, no hostile invasion. The casion was the removal of the bodies of ome of the French soldiers from the bate-field of Gravelotte to a mortuary hapel on the French side of the border ne. Jamont, who was then at the head of the troops at Chalons, commanded in person the French guard of honor sent to scort the bodies, and, at the invitation of he General commanding the German esoes twenty-three years before. It may be

assume the position of a dictator.

The man who is reported to be destined

cort, he passed the frontier line to take charge of the procession of hearses, a French and German corps d'elite thus uniting to do honor to the French dead on the battle-field where they had met as added that there is no French commander f whom a higher opinion is entertained in military circles at Berlin and Vienna than Gen. Jamont, an officer of such disinction that the French government time airo actually issued a special decree extending the limit of age in his case from his sixty-fifth to his seventicth year

O LITTLE astonishment was cre- | vantage from the fact that her army ated at the grand review at Long-champs the other day by the fact prime of life, whereas that of France would be led by septuagenarians. About Military Obedience.

Inasmuch as the President of the United States is, by virtue of the Constitution, the supreme head of the American Army in time of peace as in time of war, this fairs are, on the whole, more secountry has remained entirely foreign to ordered, the command-in-chief of country has remained entirely foreign to ordered, the command-in-chief of the controversy which has for years raged in the monarchical countries of Europe as to whom the army owes its tive. He administers his control o obedience. Is it to the monarch to whom obedience. Is it to the monarch to whom it has sworn allegiance, or is it to the Parliament representing the people who pays it? That is a problem which is now more than ever becoming the all-absorb-ing question of the moment in every one of the constitutional countries of the old world. With the rising tide of democracy de to the progressive spirit of the age, conflicts between the crown and the people are increasing in frequency and intensity, the people making demands for more and more of that power hitherto vested in the sovereign which the latter is determined to retain at all costs, knowing full well that it involves the very existence of his throne and of his dynasty. Let matters reach the climax—as they ultimately must-and the monarch will be forced either to step down and out or to appeal to the allegiance sworn by the soldiers to defend the throne against peo-ple and Parliament. The whole issue of From the San Francisco Call. the struggle will depend upon the manner in which the army responds to this appeal. Most of the revolutions of the pression of even an insinuation of the peal. Most of the revolutions of the present century have resulted from the failure of the soldiers to rally around their scv-ereigns at such moments as these. Such lulu. It will be remembered that a more was the cause of the overthrow, in 1868, of ago the Presidente Sarmiento, the Queen Isabella of Spain, of that of Empress Eugenie, when Regent of France, in was in the harbor. The officers and n 1870, and of King Louis Philippe, in 1848 while it was solely the loyalty of the army to the monarch that enabled the rulers of Austria, Holland, Prussia, and the Presidente Sarmiento was an event other German states to save their crowns unusual importance, as it was the from being engulfed by the great wave of time that an Argentine ship of war had

### Struggle for Control. Of course, the attitude of the army in

ope in 1848.

subject. If the officers and soldiers have been made to feel that they are dependent not only for their pay, but likewise for their promotion, and for more or less agreeable assignment to duty, upon the representative of parliament in the person of the Minister of War, as in Engson of the Minister of War, as land, in Spain, in Pertugal, Belgium, Hol-land, and in Scandinavia, then it is prob-The incidents of the affair are of mor land, in Spain, in Pertugal, Beigium, Holland, and in Scandinavia, then it is probable that they will side with the legislature, and with the people, against the crown. But in the event of the army have crown. But in the event of the army have a saling. The man who was killed was a saling. The man who was killed was a saling. The man who was ing been accustomed to regard the throne as the fountain of honor, as the dispenser is the chief petty officer of the ship. Many of all rewards and favors, and as the of the executive duties fall to his lot, and autocratic controller of their destiny for good and for evil, as is the case in Germany, Austria, Italy, and Russia, then the troops are likely to adhere to their the crew. On the Presidente Sarmiento allegiance to the sovereign and to fight the master-at-arms is reputed to be a for him if necessary against their own man who insists upon the most rigid disinto operation, and while on the one hand the commanding Generals have no knowilington, who was a soldier in every sense harsh to the men was not intrequently of the word, and who, nevertheless, as more than one occasion earned their ill are to constitute their staffs, the members of the latter are for the most part Prime Minister, on several occasions had will. Whatever the cause of the fight be opportunity of making himself acquaint-ed with the political and civilian aspect may have been, the facts of the combar another. As in 1870, all the preparations and arrangements to resist invasion are of the question. He was never tired of on paper, and only on paper. The result urging upon the Queen and Prince Constitution of the sailors, a of this is that at the present moment the commanders of the twenty army corps composing the standing army have absolutely no one above them excepting the Minister of War, who changes with every Cabinet crisis, and whose time, as a rule, of Parliament and of the latter's report to this port the master at-arms had more than one rebused the sallors, a single the harbor one of the sallors, a dright the harbor one of the sallors, a surple that the present moment the command-in-chief of the sallors, a sort that the command-in-chief of the sallors, a striple that the present moment the command-in-chief of the sallors, a striple that the present moment the command-in-chief of the sallors, a striple the harbor one of the sallors, a striple that the present moment the command-in-chief of the sallors, a striple that the present moment the command-in-chief of the sallors, a striple that the present moment the command-in-chief of the sallors, a striple that the present moment the command-in-chief of the sallors, a striple that the command-in-chief of the sallors and the sallors are striple that the command-in-chief of the sallors are striple that the present moment the sallors are striple that the command-in-chief of the sallors are striple that the comma of Parliament and of the latter's rep-resentative, namely, the Secretary of State for War. This advice was acted upon, and during the greater portion of the present reign the command-inchief was held by the Queen's cousin, the Duke of Cambridge, who was virtually independent of the Secretary of War, although he consented to co-operate with him, and who looked for his orders directly to the sovereign. Unfortunately for the crown a moment arrived when the ship. For a while the officers were at a loss to know what to do. They did not

> place the English army upon the same level of military progress as those of continental countries. Not only the people, but also the army clamored for his removal. The Queen's third son, Arthur, Duke of Connaught, was too young and inexperienced for the post. Consequently it became necessary to select some non-royal veteran for the office, and as a Liberal administration was in power at the time it took advantage of the matter to subordinate the Commander-in-chief to the Secretary of State for War, who thus has become the technical adviser of the Minister and the organ through which the latter, not as the represents of the sailor was robed in white and draped with the colors of Argentine. The vessel set sail on June 19 for Honothin and Commander with the colors of Argentine. tive of the sovereign, but as the representative of Parliament, issues his directions to the army. That is to say tolay it is the Marquis of Lansdowne, the secretary of State for War in the Salisoury Cabinet, a civilian without any miltary training, who is the virtual head of the British army, while Field Marshal Lord Wolseley, the nominal Commander-in-chief, who has been appointed for a term of five years, is nothing

### more than the Minister's chief of staff and executive officer. Bead of the Army.

While this arrangement is certain to

ast throughout the present reign, it will

not be continued without a severe strug-

when the Prince of Wales succeeds to the throne. For he will have as King a constitutional right to claim for himself he chief command of the army, just as Czar Nicholas in Russia, King Humbert in Italy, and Emperor Francis Joseph in Austria-Hungary. As the British constitu-From the Gentlemen's Magazine. tion now stands, the accession of the Prince of Wales to the throne would have the effect of transferring the control of the army from the Secretary of War and from Parliament to the Crew of the control of the army from the Secretary of War and from Parliament to the Crew of War and the Secretary of War and the Secretar himself signing all commissions, passing ed as an augury is what is commonly upon all promotions, and retaining not known as the "death's-head moth." Peo only figuratively, but also actually, the pie who are very firm of nerve in other command of the British Army. And the matters have often been much agitated of Prince may be relied upon to prove exights in the matter. Althugh not a sildler by profession, as is his younger brother, of the back, but various minor misform the Duke of Connaught, yet he has receive tunes. This moth (whose scientific name ed a military training, and is very jegious. Acherontia atropos, is sufficiently grim of his rank of Field Marshal. There is no is a very large one, and, flying into cot danger of his letting any one else get hold tage rooms, and making for the candle of the Commandership-in-chief of the often extinguishes it, which doubles the army when he comes to the throne. that event the Secretary of State for War would inevitably become once more the subordinate of the Generalissimo, and pany this moth's appearance, the fear it would, as in previous reigns, have his duesticed in parts of Poland in 1824.

a civilize and a politician, rather than a military man, since he invariably has a military man as Commander-in-chief immilitary man, since he invariably has a military man as Commander-in-chief immediately above him, or, as at present, below him, to assume charge of the disciplinary supervision, leaving to the Section and of carrying the requisite measures through Parliament. If at Vienna, Berlin, and Rome the office of Minister of War is held by officers, it is because our sheld by officers it is because our sheld by officers. from His sixty-fifth to his seventicity year. Unfortunately, he is now in the neighborhood of the latter age, and it is hardly necessary to point out that in the event of a war Germany would derive much additional and distinguished soldier in these prompt relief.

"Two heads are better than one." the one you have is dull and heavy. In the one you have it is held by officers, it is because eventher and the one you have it is held by officers. It is because eventher and heavy. In the one you have it is held by officers. It is because eventher and heavy. In the one you have it is held by officers. It is because eventher and heavy. In the one you have it is held by officers. It is because eventher and heavy. In the one you have it is held by officers. It is because eventher and heavy. In the one you have it is held by officers. It is because eventher and heavy. It is held by officers in the one you have it is held by officers. It is because eventher and heavy. It is held by officers in the one you have it is heavy in the on

the field of battle. In fact, Emperor William's Minister of War, Gen. von Goessler, is one of the least distinguish-ed officers of the German Army. In France, as shown in the foregoing. It is absolutely necessary that the Minister of War should be a General of the highest rank, owing to the fact that the army is without a Commander-in-chief, and that it is requisite to have some military man to exercise a disciplinary control over the Generals in command of the twenty army corps The civilian Ministers of War in France, namely, de Freycinet, Cavalghae and Krantz, have all been failures, because they lacked the technical kn edge and military experience needed to maintain discipline, allowing themselved to be made the instruments of mility rings. Here in the United States elected by the people, is their represe stances that administrative and policy experience is needed for the post than military knowledge. The latte supplied by the ranking General of United States Army, who is usually tioned at Washington, although t ident is constitutionally free to is him and to invoke and accept the adv of some officer of minor rank. Judging the fact that American arms have car ried the day in every war in which this country has been involved, there is no fault to be found with the system.

places. They are invariably men who

speakers and as administrators than on

### TRAGEDY IN THE HARBOR.

Sailor of the Argentine Training Ship Shot by an Officer.

A story of exceptional local interest, infacts, has just become public property training ship of the Argentine Repul were feted and feasted by societies a individuals, particularly by represent

popular revolution that swept over Eu- ever been in the harbor. While the vessel was in the harbor, there was apparently nothing in its af fairs that indicated anything but a reign of course, the attitude of the army as such crises as these is influenced to a great degree by the nature of the control to which they have up to that time been subject. If the officers and soldiers have subject that they are dependentertained. It appears, however, that affairs on board the Presidente Sarmiento were not altogether as they seemed, and information has been received that while the ship was in the harbor a man was

the master-at-arms is reputed to be

than once rebuked the sailor, and the lat

than once rebuked the sailor, and the lat-ter awaited his time for revenge.
On this particular night he believed that it had come, and, knife in hand, he stole into the cabin of the master-at-arms.
He believed that his prospective victim He approached the couch of the r and raised his knife to strike did so the master-at-arms drew a

for the crown a moment arrived when the Duke, by reason of old age and infirmity, became incompetent to perform his duties. Having, moreover, inherited the traditional obstinacy of his grandfather, King George III, he turned a deaf ear to all suggestions of reform, and became the obstacle to all endeavors to place the English army upon the same level of military progress as those of

The vessel set sail on June 19 for lulu. No one in San Francisco had of the tragedy on board. A man's life had been taken where the authorities of this city have jurisdiction, but no word was said. The officers of the ship took the matter into their own hands and without the formality of a trial had exonerated the man who had sent the sailor to death

the training-ship was a day ou into the water.

These particulars of the tragedy in the harbor and the weird burial at sea have just been received in a private letter from Honoiulu.

# The Death's Head Moth.

he army from the Secretary of War and bronze butterfly, or moth, is not lucky from Parliament to the Crown, the King Of all the race, however, the most dreadmatters have often been much agitated of finding one of these in a room. The vil his constitutional lager does not simply augur death from In terror of the omen. It is worth while re war calling to mind, in view of the gloom would, as in previous reigns, have his duties; confined to directing the economic portion of the administration of the army and to acting as political advisor to the crowned Commander-in-chief on military measures that require legislative sanction.

The American System.

It will be seen from this that there is an excellent reason why the Secretary of State for War in England should be a civilizen and a politician, rather than a military man as Commander-in-chief immilitary man as Command

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